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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JAPAN: LOCKHEED PROSECUTORS ARREST TANAKA

BOTH EMBASSY TOKYO AND REUTER REPORT THAT TOKYO PROSECUTORS ARRESTED FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ON CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TRADE CONTROL LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL. TANAKA'S RESIDENCE IN MEJIRO AND HIS OFFICE IN HIRAKAWA-CHO HAVE BEEN SEALED OFF AND ARE BEING SEARCHED. (UNCLASSIFIED) TOKYO 11233, 7/27.)

2. KENYA BREATHES EASIER, BUT REMAINS WARY

KENYAN DEFENSE SECRETARY KIEREINI TOLD EMBASSY NAIROBI JULY 26 HIS COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES ALERT HAS BEEN DECREASED "A BIT," BUT ENOUGH MARGIN HAS BEEN MAINTAINED TO "MOBILIZE
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QUICKLY IF WE NEED TO." HE ADDED:

--AMIN'S REQUEST FOR UN OBSERVERS DOES NOT MEAN AN
ATTACK IS LESS LIKELY OR LESS IMMINENT.

--KENYA HAS NO NEW EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF
LIBYAN AIRCRAFT IN UGANDA, BUT IS CONVINCED PALESTIN-
IAN PILOTS ARE ON HAND TO FLY AMIN'S MIGS.

--GOK OFFICIALS DOUBT UGANDAN OR LIBYAN AIRCRAFT COULD
BOMB THE MOMBASA OIL REFINERY AND HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO
RETURN.

KIEREINI ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE USG ASSUME A LOWER PROFILE
IN HANDLING PUBLICITY ON US MILITARY ACTIVITY IN EAST AFRICA
TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF "WAR BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE US."
THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS REQUEST BE "SCRUP-
ULOUSLY OBSERVED." (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 7790 AND 7798,
7/26.)

3. QADHAFI THREATENS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH EGYPT

IN AN ADDRESS TO STUDENTS JULY 23, COL. QADHAFI THREATENED
TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH EGYPT SEPTEMBER 1. HE SUGGESTED
THAT EGYPT "THINK THE MATTER OVER" AND "COME TO ITS SENSES"
IN THE INTERIM. QADHAFI ALSO:

--DESCRIBED THE EGYPT-SUDAN-SAUDI MILITARY PACT AS AN
ANTI-LIBYAN ALLIANCE, AND SAID HE WOULD APPROACH THE
SUDANESE AND SAUDIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN
"DRAGGED" INTO IT; AND

--LAMENTED SYRIA'S "HISTORIC MISTAKE" IN INVADING LEBA-
NON, CLAIMING THAT LIBYA'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A
NORTHERN FRONT WITH ALGERIA, IRAQ AND THE PLO TO ATTACK
ISRAEL WERE ABOUT TO BEAR FRUIT WHEN SYRIA MOVED.

EMBASSY COMMENT: QADHAFI'S THREAT APPEARS PROMPTED BY HIS
AWARENESS OF THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF EGYPTIAN FORCES
ALONG HIS BORDER AND HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO RISK FURTHER LOSS
OF FACE IN ANOTHER CONFRONTATION WITH THE EGYPTIANS. (LIM-
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ITED OFFICIAL USE) TRIPOLI 1014, 7/26.)

4. SISMİK: TESTING THE WATERS FOR A SETTLEMENT

AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S TALKS WITH MFA SYG ELEKDAG AND GREEK
AMBASSADOR COSMADOPOULOS REVEAL TWO REMAINING STUMBLING
BLOCKS CONCERNING THE SISMİK VOYAGE. THE GREEKS:

--INSIST THAT A GREEK NAVAL VESSEL "ESCORT" THE SISMIK;
AND, MORE SERIOUSLY,

--DEMAND TO BE INFORMED OF THE SISMIK'S LONG-RANGE
SCHEDULE IN CONTRAST WITH TURKISH PLANS TO PROVIDE
ONLY A NOTICE TO MARINERS ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

CONFIRMING THAT NO NEW TALKS ARE SCHEDULED, COSMADOPOULOS
SAID HE BELIEVED THE GOT'S MOOD HAD CHANGED AFTER ECEVIT'S
CRITICISM OF ITS "MODERATION." HE ESTIMATED ABOUT SEVEN
DAYS REMAIN BEFORE THE PROBLEM COMES TO A HEAD.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I CONTINUE TO FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO WEIGH IN WITH BOTH SIDES, TO EXPRESS
OUR GRATIFICATION AT PROGRESS ALREADY MADE AND TO ENCOURAGE
SERIOUS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING PROBLEMS. (CONFI-
DENTIAL) ANKARA 5725 AND 5726 (EXDIS), 7/26.)

5. PRC: ROASTING TENG OVER A SLOWER FIRE

IN THE VIEW OF CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG, THE ANTI-TENG
CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO MOVE AHEAD, BUT IN MORE SUBTLE AND
LESS DRAMATIC WAYS:

--ATTACKS AGAINST PROVINCIAL FIGURES ARE CONTINUING.

--STUDENTS IN PEKING ARE STUDYING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
TENG AND A DISGRACED PARTY FOUNDER AS A POTENTIAL NEW
CAMPAIGN THEME.

--PRC MEDIA HAVE EMPHASIZED THE RAPID GROWTH OF
LEFTIST-SUPPORTED WORKERS' UNIVERSITIES, SUGGESTING
THAT THE EDUCATION SECTOR IS UNDERGOING FURTHER REVI-
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SION.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THESE NEW INITIATIVES TO REVIVE THE FADING
CAMPAIGN APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTS BY THE ANTI-TENG FORCES TO
PUSH AHEAD AGAINST RESISTANCE FROM MORE MODERATE LEADERS.
EITHER THE CAMPAIGN WILL NOW EXPAND TO INCLUDE OTHERS OR
FADE FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG
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